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SUBJECT: PL-480 AGREEMENT SIGNED MARCH 14, 1973

REFS: (A) KINSHASA A-59, (B) AID- TO A-07

- 1. SUBJECT AGREEMENT TRANSMITTED REF A CONCLUDED BETWEEN USA AND "THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE" IS CONTRARY TO NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTION REF B WHICH SPECIFIED THAT THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE "BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE". PARA 2 OF REF B STATES "THE FINAL SIGNED AGREEMENT SHOULD BE IDENTICAL TO THE ENCLOSURE (DRAFT AGREEMENT), EXCEPT WHERE MODIFIED DURING THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS BY CHANGES AUTHORIZED BY WASHINGTON."
- 2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO HAVE PAGES 1 AND 5 OF ENGLISH TEXT OF AGREEMENT RETYPED, REPLACING "NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL" IN TITLE, IN PARA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AND IN SIGNATURE LINE WITH "GOVERNMENT" IN EACH INSTANCE. EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST PAGES 1 AND 4 OF FRENCH TEXT BE CONFIDENTIAL

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RETYPED TO CORRESPOND. ADDITIONALLY, US SIGNATURE LINE IN FRENCH TEXT SHOULD CORRESPOND WITH ENGLISH TEXT. AS SOON AS PAGES RETYPED EMBASSY SHOULD ARRANGE FOR SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH SHOULD RETAIN SAME DATE OF MARCH 14, 1973.

- 3. IMMEDIATELY UPON SIGNATURE, EMBASSY SHOULD NOTIFY DEPT BY TELEGRAM AND TRANSMIT ORIGINALS OF RETYPED PAGES OF BOTH TEXTS TO DEPT ATTENTION ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER FOR TREATY AFFAIRS.
- 4. FYI DEPT APPRECIATES GOZ POSITION ON THIS MATTER AND EMBASSY EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE AGREEMENT ACCOMMODATE THAT POSITION. NEVERTHELESS, THE DEPT FIRMLY ADHERES TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE US CONCLUDE TREATIES OR OTHER INTER-NATIONAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS. NOT WITH DISTINCT INDIVIDUALS OR GOVERNING ORGANS OF OTHER GOVERN-MENTS. ANY DEVIATION FROM THIS POSITION BY USG COULD CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT IN USG RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS WITH RESPECT TO WHICH WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THIS POSITION. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1964, EARLY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH POLAND, A DISAGREEMENT DEVELOPED ON JUST THIS ISSUE. THE POLES INSISTED THAT THE CONSULAR CONVENTION BE BETWEEN " THE COUNCIL OF STATE OF THE POLISH PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC" AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS MATTER WAS NEGOTIATED FOR NEARLY A YEAR BEFORE BEING RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF THE USG POSITION. END FYI.
- 5. AIRGRAM TO FOLLOW REGARDING EMBASSY LETTER TO GOZ COVERING BASIC NEGOTIATING POINTS. ROGERS

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